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THE CRISIS NEARS A CLIMAX

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE AUSTRIAN TREATY.

Bismarck's Previous Record Shows That it is Merely a Step Preliminary to an Ultimatum-A General Belief That War Will He Declared.

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Bentin, Feb., 4.—While the semi-official press affects to regard the publication of the Austro-German treaty as having a pacific intent, official and diplomatic circles know that its real aim is to force the Czar to an im mediate war or compel him to submit to terms for a permanent peace dictated by the allies. The substance of the treaty has long been known to both the Russian and French governments. At the time of its inception at the conference between Prince Bismarck and Count Andrassy at Gastein, in August, 1879, confidential disclosures stating the character of the compact were made by Prince Bismarck to the Czar as an inducement to break off negotiations for a Russo-French ulliance.

The day after the treaty was signed Prince Bismarck made a personal communication of the fact to both the French and Russian ambaseadors, withholding only the exact terms of the treaty. The publication reveals nothing to any European government. Be fore disclosing it to the people the step was anxiously and repeatedly discussed by Prince Bismarck, Count Kalnoky, and Herr Von

The Austrian Ministerial Council, the Emperor presiding, consented to the publication of the treaty only last week, upon urgent representations from Prince Bismarck that the time was opportune. Its appearance at the present juncture recalls the utterance of Prince Bismarck when he was reproached



READING THE RIOT ACT TO TURBULENT CROFTERS OF LEWIS.

NATIONAL OPERA SEASON.

Brilliant Operatic Attractions For Thi-Week at the National Theater.

The great event of the musical season wil be the opening of the National Opera seaso at the New National Theater to-morrov night. The National Opera Company, under the management of Charles E. Locke, has been! giving splendid representations of principal cities of the West and East, an has come for its annual visit to Washingto with promises of a most successful season with liberal and fashionable patronage. The sale of seats for this engagement has been quite unprecedented. In all the dismal ran f yesterday there was a constant line of opera-ticket buyers at the box-office of the New National Theater.

The opera nights will draw large society gatherings. During the week boxes will be occupied by the President and Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Senator Hearst, Mrs. A. C. Tyler, Mrs. Pruyn, Mrs. Snyder, Hon Ira Daven port, and the Chinese Minister and suite, Among others who have reserved bexes and seats for the season are Mrs. Senator Francis B. Stockbridge, Sonator Cullom and party Mrs. General Spinola, the Russian Mrs. Set. the Japanese Minister, the Spanish Minister, the Italian Minister, Mrs. Wight, the Right Hon, Joseph Chamberlain, M. P., Hon, I. D. M. Sweat, Thomas Garsen, of New York, Hon, Representative Adams, Mr. W. Schauss Representative Robbert, Mr. Nathaniel Wilson, Gen. Anderson, Lieut. Babasek, and many others.

The season opens to morrow with the first production here in English of Wannersgrand opera, "Tannhauser," The opera is given with a cast of unusual strength, even down to the minor chalacters, and with new and claborate scenery and costumes. The morrow width the great departs. Editors and the season with the great departs. port, and the Chinese Minister and suite





THE YOUNG MISTRESS OF THE WHITE HOUSE AGAIN IN MOURNING.

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